

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



**MARK DAYTON**  
**GOVERNOR**

**Executive Order 17-14**

### **Establishing the Governor's Task Force on Housing**

**I, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

**Whereas**, the State of Minnesota is in the midst of a housing challenge with a serious shortage of affordable housing that impacts individuals, families, communities, and businesses across the entire state;

**Whereas**, the number of cost-burdened households (those paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing costs) has increased 58 percent from 2000 to 2016 with more than 554,000 households that are cost-burdened across the state;

**Whereas**, renters' costs have increased 11 percent since 2000;

**Whereas**, Minnesota is losing thousands of affordable rental homes each year, often displacing low-income families;

**Whereas**, the lack of affordable housing and poor housing quality negatively impact health, education, and employment outcomes for individuals and families;

**Whereas**, Minnesota households of color are less likely to be homeowners and more likely to experience homelessness than white households;

**Whereas**, employers from across the Minnesota have expressed concern that the lack of affordable housing and the shortage of workforce housing will limit business growth;

**Whereas**, the State works with developers, lenders, and communities to create and preserve affordable rental housing and homeownership opportunities across the state, but lacks the resources to meet statewide needs;

**Whereas**, growing housing instability puts Minnesota's economic competitive advantage at risk; and

**Whereas**, the State of Minnesota is committed to resolving the housing crisis to better support individuals, families, communities, and businesses and enable them to thrive.

**Now, Therefore**, I hereby order that:

1. The Governor's Task Force on Housing ("Task Force") be established to study the housing system in Minnesota and develop recommendations to increase access to safe and affordable rental housing, create more pathways to homeownership, and improve housing stability and opportunity.
2. Bremer Financial Corporation CEO Jeanne Crain and Catholic Charities Director of Social Justice Advocacy Acooa Ellis shall serve as Co-Chairs of the Task Force.
3. The Task Force shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Governor with relevant experience in housing, business, finance, development, real estate, education, advocacy, or local government.
4. The Task Force shall also include the following 13 ex-officio members:
  - a. One representative from the Itasca Project;
  - b. One representative from the Minnesota Multi Housing Association;
  - c. One representative from the Minnesota Housing Partnership;
  - d. One representative from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency;
  - e. One representative from the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers;
  - f. One representative from the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans;
  - g. One representative from the Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council;
  - h. One representative from the University of Minnesota;
  - i. One representative from the Urban Land Institute Regional Council of Mayors;
  - j. One Member of the Majority Party in the Minnesota Senate;
  - k. One Member of the Minority Party in the Minnesota Senate;
  - l. One Member of the Majority Party in the Minnesota House of Representatives; and
  - m. One Member of the Minority Party in the Minnesota House of Representatives.
5. The Task Force may choose to form the following Work Groups to develop and review proposals and submit recommendations to the Task Force:
  - a. Rental Housing Work Group;
  - b. Homeownership Work Group; and
  - c. Housing Stability and Opportunity Work Group.
6. The Task Force shall consult with and solicit advice from community stakeholders, private industry, governmental entities, labor unions, and nonprofits regarding challenges and opportunities in the housing system.
7. The Task Force shall have the following duties:
  - a. Review existing housing strategies that serve Minnesotans well and identify gaps in the system;

- b. Consider new practices that will better serve all Minnesotans and provide greater housing stability;
- c. Develop innovative solutions to ensure that families, individuals, and communities have safe and stable housing as the foundation for success;
- d. Engage with individuals and organizations to affirm that recommendations align with community experiences, needs, and priorities; and
- e. Recommend specific policy proposals and actions that can be taken by the executive and legislative branches of state government, local governments, and the private sector to improve housing stability in the state.

8. The Task Force shall submit its Final Housing Recommendations Report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the public by July 31, 2018.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Executive Order is effective 15 days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State.

**In Testimony Whereof**, I have set my hand on this 20th day of December, 2017.



**Mark Dayton**  
Governor

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**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

